

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 916 - HB 741**

February 13, 2013

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes any city or county to re-establish the elected office of school superintendent by referendum following the affirmative vote of the city or county governing body. Sets forth the requirements to be an elected superintendent. Requires contractual obligations to an existing appointed director of schools be fulfilled by the county or municipal governing body. Transfers powers and duties of the appointed director of schools to the elected superintendent or local board of education in any city or county that has chosen to re-establish the office of elected superintendent. Authorizes the city or county to return to an appointed director of schools after a vote by the city or county legislative body, or upon petition brought by 10 percent of the qualified voters.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase Local Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000/One-Time/Permissive**

**Assumptions:**

- Cities and counties may elect to re-establish the office of school superintendent and buy out an appointed director of schools' contract before the end of the contract, increasing local government expenditures. This one-time permissive increase is estimated to exceed \$100,000, and will depend on the time period remaining on the contract at the time of the buyout.
- Referenda to re-establish the office of elected school superintendent, or to return to an appointed director of schools, will be timed to coincide with a general election.
- The cost to add the election of the superintendent every four years after re-establishment of the office will depend upon how many local governments choose to elect their school superintendent.
- All additional election items will be added to the ballot during the normal printing process. Any increase in permissive local expenditures for the initial referendum re-establishing the office; for the addition of this item to the ballot after establishment of the office; or for a referendum to return to an appointed director of schools will be not significant.

- Any increase in permissive local government expenditures to make necessary changes in administration of LEAs that will have an office of elected superintendent will be not significant.
- No increase in the BEP formula.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" and last name "Geise" clearly distinguishable, and "D." as a middle initial.

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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